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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A door latch assembly comprising:
a release lever movable about a release lever axis;
a lock lever moveable about a lock lever axis, wherein the release lever and the lock lever are movable between a latched unlocked position, a latched locked position, and an unlatched position; and
a resilient assembly connected between the release lever and the lock lever, the resilient assembly having:
a first retainer having a first seat and a first load application feature,
a second retainer having a second seat and a second load application feature, wherein the first seat and the second seat substantially face each other, and
a resilient member supported between the first seat and the second seat and positioned between the first load application feature and the second load application feature, wherein the resilient member is biased to resist a tensile force applied to both the first load application feature and the second load application feature, the tensile force tending to move features that moves the first seat and the second seat toward each other and to move the release lever relative to the lock lever when the lock lever and the release lever are in the unlatched position.
2. (ORIGINAL) The door latch assembly of claim 1, wherein the resilient assembly acts in a non-resilient manner when the release lever and lock lever move from the latched unlocked position to the latched locked position.
3. (ORIGINAL) The door latch assembly of claim 1, wherein the resilient assembly acts in a non-resilient manner when the release lever and lock lever move from the latched locked position to the latched unlocked position.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The door latch assembly of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first retainer and the second retainersretainer includes a recess that receives at least a portion of the resilient member.

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5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The door latch assembly of claim 4, wherein the recess includes an additional seat, and wherein the resilient member is mounted between at least one of the first seat and the second seat and the additional seat.
6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The door latch assembly of claim 5, wherein said at least one of the first seat and the second seat and the additional seat hold the resilient member in a preloaded position.
7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The door latch assembly of claim 6, wherein the additional seat comprises a first additional seat and a second additional seat, and the first retainer has the first seat and comprises the first additional seat and the second retainer has the second seat and comprises the second additional seat.
8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The door latch assembly of claim 7, wherein the first seat and the second ~~seats~~seat and the first additional seat and the second additional ~~seats~~seat are arranged to allow lost motion between one of the first retainer and the second retainer and the resilient member.
9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The door latch assembly of claim 7, wherein the first seat and the second ~~seats~~seat and the first additional seat and the second additional ~~seats~~seat are arranged to preload the resilient ~~means~~member.
10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The door latch assembly of claim 7, wherein the first retainer further comprising~~comprises~~ a first projection that projects from the first seat of the first ~~retainer~~ and a first additional~~second~~ projection that projects from the first additional seat of the ~~first retainer~~, wherein the resilient member is mounted on the first projection and the first additional projection~~second projections~~.

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11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The door latch assembly of claim 10, wherein the second retainer further comprises a first second projection projecting that projects from the second seat and a second additional projection projecting that projects from the second additional seat, and wherein the resilient member is mounted on the first projection and the first second-projections additional projection of the first retainer and the second projection and the second additional projection of the second retainers retainer, wherein at least one of the first projection and second the first additional projection projections of the first retainer overlaps with at least one of the first second projection and the second additional projection projections of the second retainer.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The door latch assembly of claim 11, wherein said at least one of the first projection and the first additional projection second projections of the first retainer overlaps with said at least one of the first second projection and the second additional projection projections of the second retainer when the release lever and the lock lever are in the unlatched position.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A resilient assembly, comprising:

a first retainer having a first load application feature, a recess with a first seat and a first additional seat, a first projection projecting from the first seat and a first additional projection projecting from the first additional seat a first load application feature;

a second retainer having a second seat and a second load application feature, wherein the first seat and the second seats seat substantially face each other; and

a resilient member supported between the first seat and the second seats seat and having at least a portion received by a the recess in at least one of the first and second retainers, wherein the resilient member is positioned between the first load application feature and the second load application features feature, and wherein the resilient member is biased to resist a tensile force applied to both the first load application feature and the second load application feature, the tensile force tending to move features that moves the first seat and the second seat toward each other, wherein the resilient member is mounted between the first seat and the first additional seat and the resilient member is mounted on the first projection and the first additional projection, and wherein the first retainer surrounds the resilient member.

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14. (CANCELLED)

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The resilient assembly of claim 13[[14]], wherein at least one of the first seat and the second seat and the first additional seat hold the resilient member in a preloaded position.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The resilient assembly of claim 13[[14]], wherein ~~the first retainer has the first seat and a first additional seat and the second retainer has the second seat and further comprises~~ a second additional seat.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The resilient assembly of claim 16, wherein the first seat and the second ~~seats~~seat and the first additional seat and the second additional ~~seats~~seat are arranged to allow lost motion between one of the first retainer and the second retainer and the resilient member.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The resilient assembly of claim 16, wherein the first seat and the second ~~seats~~seat and the first additional scat and the second additional ~~seats~~seat are arranged to preload the resilient ~~means~~member.

19. (CANCELLED)

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The resilient assembly of claim 16[[19]], wherein the second retainer further comprises a ~~first~~second projection projecting from the second seat and a second additional projection projecting from the second additional seat, wherein the resilient member is mounted on the first projection~~and second projections of the first~~ and the resilient member is mounted on the second projection~~of the second retainers~~.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The resilient assembly of claim 20 wherein at least one of the first projection and the first additional projection~~second projections of the first retainer~~ overlaps with at least one of the ~~first~~second projection and the second additional projection~~projections of the second retainer~~.

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22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The resilient assembly of claim 13[[19]], wherein the first projection has a different length than the ~~second~~first additional projection.
23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The resilient assembly of claim 13, wherein the first retainer and the second retainers~~retainer~~ are formed from a sheet material.
24. (ORIGINAL) The resilient assembly of claim 23, wherein the sheet material is sheet metal.
25. (ORIGINAL) The resilient assembly of claim 13, wherein the resilient member is one selected from the group consisting of a spring, a tube of resilient material, and a block of resilient material.
26. (NEW) The door latch assembly of claim 10, wherein the first retainer surrounds the resilient member.
27. (NEW) The door latch assembly of claim 11, wherein the second retainer surrounds the resilient member.
28. (NEW) The resilient assembly of claim 20, wherein the second retainer surrounds the resilient member.